

Forest Service **Ouachita National Forest** Mena Ranger District

1603 Highway 71 N Mena, AR 71953

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Subject:

Public Scoping for FY2021 Silviculture Activities

Dear National Forest Stakeholder:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed" (40 CFR 1501.7). Scoping is required for all Forest Service proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.4€(1)).

Proposed Action

The Mena-Oden Ranger District is proposing manual PCT using chainsaws on approximately 426 acres spread throughout Scott, Yell and Montgomery County, Arkansas. The following table lists the areas proposed for treatment:

Area	Compartment	Stand	Legal Description	Treatment	Acres
1	1015	5	T1N R26W Sec 5; T2N R26W Sec 32	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	35
2	1015	21	T2N R26W Sec 32&33	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	36
3	1017	11	T1N R25W Sec 30&31; T1N R26W Sec 25	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	34
4	1064	24	T1N R24W Sec 19; T1N R25W Sec 24	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	37
5	1067	57	T1N R24W Sec 3&10	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	28
6	1071	23	T1N R24W Sec 21	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	40
7	1096	6	T1N R26W Sec 25&25	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	37
8	1107	29	T1S R26W Sec 12	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	38
9	1107	30	T1S R26W Sec 12&13	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	39
10	1107	31	T1S R26W Sec 13	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	39
11	1108	25	T2S R25W Sec 30	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	29
12	1108	26	T2S R25W Sec 30	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	34
				Total	426

¹ Note: Acres were derived from GIS data, and product accuracy may vary. They may be developed from sources of differing accuracy, accurate only at certain scales, based upon modeling or interpretation, incomplete while being created or revised, etc. Using GIS products for purposes other than those, for which they were created, may yield inaccurate or misleading results. We released this information on October 2020. The Forest Service reserves the right to correct, update, modify, or replace GIS products without notification.

An environmental analysis is being conducted for these proposals.

The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Mena-Oden Ranger Station. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Chris Morgan at 1603 Highway 71 North, Mena, AR 71953; (479) 394-2382; john.c.morgan@usda.gov.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the management of your National Forest.





Sincerely,

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